



**Chelsea Public Schools  
School Committee**

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# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

**There will be a Regular Meeting of the  
Chelsea School Committee on**

**Thursday, February 3, 2022**

**At 7:00 p.m.**

The meeting is **closed** to observe social distancing guidelines. The meeting will be live streamed for the public at:

Chelsea Cable TV, and

<https://www.facebook.com/ChelseaPublicSchools/>

Agenda is available online at the Chelsea Public Schools website:

<https://www.chelseaschools.com/>

Anyone wishing to speak during the public comment period can email [superintendent@chelseaschools.com](mailto:superintendent@chelseaschools.com) to receive the Zoom Link and instructions. You can also choose to have your comment read by sending your comment to the same email. Public Comments can in addition be telephoned in and will be read into the record at 617-466-4456.

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## School Committee

There will be a regular meeting of the Chelsea School Committee on Thursday, February 3, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss and take action on the items in the following agenda. The meeting is **closed** in order to observe social distancing guidelines. The meeting will be livestreamed for the public at Chelsea cable TV and, <https://www.facebook.com/ChelseaPublicSchools/>

### AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **School Committee Minutes:** Approval of the minutes of the Organizational Meeting and the Regular Meetings on January 13, 2022. (Enclosure A)
4. **Public Comment:** Anyone wishing to speak during the public comment period can email [superintendent@chelseaschools.com](mailto:superintendent@chelseaschools.com) to receive the Zoom Link and instructions. You can choose to have your comment read by sending your comment to the same email. Public Comments can also be telephoned in and will be read into the record at 617-466-4456.
5. **Presentations:** Supporting Student Mental Health in Chelsea Public Schools
6. **Report of the Superintendent of Schools:**

**Student Achievement:** Indicators of Success to be emailed the day of the meeting.

**COVID Update:** Update on COVID Testing in Schools

**Student Representative Update:**

**Personnel Update:** (Enclosure B)

**Enrollment Reports:** (Enclosure C)

**Committee Reports:** Curriculum & Instruction (Enclosure D)  
Budget & Finance (Enclosure E)  
Human Resources (Enclosure F)

7. **Unfinished Business:** None

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## 8. New Business:

- Consideration and Action to accept \$104,657 for FY2022 from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for the American Rescue Plan-Homeless Children and Youth II grant. *Item #:* 22SC35 (Enclosure G)

Explanation: This grant is intended to ensure that students who are homeless enroll in and attend school, and have racially equitable and culturally responsive opportunities to succeed. The funds will be used for backpacks filled with school supplies and hygiene supplies, school uniforms, debit cards for families to provide needed items for students, and short term mental health services for students in need of additional support.

Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 71, Section 37A provides for the acceptance of grants for educational purposes only with the approval of the Chelsea School Committee.

- Consideration and action to accept \$100,000 from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for the Supporting Students' Social Emotional Learning, Behavioral & Mental Health, and Wellness through Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (SEL & Mental Health Grant). *Item #:* 22SC36 (Enclosure H)

Explanation: This grant is intended to adapt, expand, or strengthen systems that respond to the social-emotional and behavioral health needs of students and families. The funds will be used for mental health services students and families, including group counseling related to grief/loss, trauma, anxiety, and depression. It will also support staff professional development, software for case management, and other expenses in support of the program

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- Consideration and action to accept \$300,000 from the Nellie Mae Education Foundation (via sub-grant from La Colaborativa) for the Chelsea Virtual Learning Academy for SY2021-2022. *Item #:* 22SC37 (Enclosure I)

Explanation: La Colaborativa will serve as the project manager and fiscal sponsor for a multi-year grant awarded by the Nellie Mae Education Foundation. The funds will be divided evenly between La Colaborativa and CPS, and will be paid over three-years extending to November 30, 2024. La Colaborativa will offer wraparound supports and community touchpoints for high school students participating in the Chelsea Virtual Learning Academy. CVLA will use the funds to create family outreach and administrative position, stipends for education specialists, after school programs, and curriculum work. The funds will also be used for professional development, supplies, and other expenses in support of the program

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- Consideration and action to accept two private grants for SY2021-2022 including \$25,000 from the Boston Foundation for the Chelsea Opportunity Academy and \$15,000 from the Anna B. Sterns Charitable Foundation for the Intergenerational Literacy Program. *Item #:* 22SC38 (Enclosure J)

Explanation: Funds from the Boston Foundation will be used to support the Work to Credit program that Chelsea Opportunity Academy (COA) is developing and funds from the Anna B. Stearns Charitable

Foundation will be used by the Intergenerational Literacy Program for stipends, student assistants, supplies, and other expenses in support of the program.

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- Consideration and action to accept a gift of up to three hundred and fifty (350) gift certificates to Target Stores at \$25 per gift certificate, for a total value of \$8,750, donated by the Wellington Management Foundation and Empower Schools to be distributed to students attending upcoming Acceleration Academies who have perfect attendance. *Item #:* 22SC39 (Enclosure K)

Explanation: The Wellington Management Foundation has graciously gifted funds to celebrate student achievement as a part of the upcoming Acceleration Academies. These funds have been provided to Empower Schools, which will be purchasing Target gift cards (\$25/card) that Chelsea Public Schools can award to students with perfect attendance.

Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 71, Section 37A provides for the acceptance of gifts for educational purposes only with the approval of the Chelsea School Committee.

- Consideration and action to accept a gift of YES EL STEM-based curriculum and professional development from Dr. Christine M. Cunningham and the College of Education at Pennsylvania State University with an estimated value of \$1,200. *Item #:* 22SC40 (Enclosure L)

Explanation: Dr. Cunningham and the YES team from Penn State have graciously donated afterschool EL STEM-based curriculum for the District's new EL afterschool program, in addition to professional development at an estimated value of \$1,200. This curriculum will be a key component of new afterschool activities being offered to students in grades 1-4.

Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 71, Section 37A provides for the acceptance of gifts for educational purposes only with the approval of the Chelsea School Committee.

- Consideration and action to accept \$155,000 for FY2022 from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for the Acceleration Academies grant. *Item #:* 22SC41 (Enclosure M)

Explanation: DESE has recently issued a grant award to fund staff at the Acceleration Academies for this year in the amount of \$155,000. Funds will be used to pay teacher stipends and purchase instructional supplies in support of the program. Acceleration Academies will take place this year during the February and April school vacation weeks, and will be held in person at Chelsea High School and at the Clark Avenue Middle School and, the Williams Middle School Complex.

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- Consideration and action to accept a gift of 11,000 surgical masks and 4,000 KN95 masks with an estimated value of \$13,870 donated by Anonymous to be distributed to staff and students. *Item #:* 22SC42 (Enclosure N)

Explanation: An anonymous donor has generously given CPS 11,000 surgical masks and 4,000 KN95 masks with an estimated value of \$13,870. These many masks will be a great benefit to the District and will be distributed to staff and students.

- Consideration and action to amend the Non-Bargaining Salary & Wage Schedules for 2021-2022 for specified Hourly Positions to comply with the City of Chelsea's Living Wage Ordinance. *Item #:* 22SC43 (Enclosure O)

Explanation: Each year, the School Committee reviews and approves the Non-Bargaining Salary & Wage Schedules for hourly positions and salaried positions. In January, the City of Chelsea has amended its Living Wage from \$14.85 to \$15.86, an unusually large one-year increase that was not anticipated when the District amended hourly rates in June 2021. The District is proposing to increase the hourly rates for several positions in response to this change. In addition, this action will increase the upper end of the pay for the Translator / Interpreter position, in the hopes to attract more candidates.

- Consideration and Action to approve a homeschooling petition for a Chelsea family. *Item #:* 22SC44 (Enclosure P)

Explanation: The Curriculum & Instruction subcommittee has reviewed the proposals and has determined that the petition has met the requirements of the Chelsea Public Schools Homeschooling Policy. All homeschooling petitions must be approved by the Chelsea School Committee.

**9. Communications: None**

**10. Announcements:**

**11. Adjournment:**

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